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Hi everyone,

I had a look at the <http://econtent.thelearningfederation.edu.au/ec/p/home> website. I missed the tutorial two weeks ago so I’m not sure if I’m looking at the correct site. I’ll critique it anyway.

The classes I have at my prac school are mostly year nine and ten so I followed the Australian history link. I found some useful resources such as film. Three of the classes I’ve had the students are not really interested in history and a lot of their work has been from the textbook and some photo copies from other sources. I’m not sure if the master teacher has already tried, but I feel the students might become more engaged if they had some to watch then discuss in groups. As an example, I observed a class of year tens who had to go through their notes and in groups answer questions taken straight from the syllabus in regards to post war Australia. The decade they looked at was the 1970’s but their text books had very little information on it although the teacher had given them a photocopied handout relevant to the seventies. It was a review topic and perhaps the teacher provided more information the first time. However, some clips I found showed Australia in the seventies which would be good to use in class. The students would be able to comment about the clip in regards to fashion, which was one of their tasks.

However, I haven’t really critiqued the site. I haven’t used the site in practice but it appears to have a lot of information that could help a teacher in class. Except for Youtube, I haven’t been able to find clips. I looked for some virtual sites and some primary documents but couldn’t find any. I’m not sure if the site has these but I feel they are essential resources. Overall, I think the site is good and once I navigate my way around the site I will be able to find what I need which will be useful to use in the class.

Cheers,

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P.S. I hope this is what I’m supposed to do….?